



AGENDA

AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.) GENERAL MEETING



To Be Held on Tuesday, 22 July 2025, Immediately Following the
Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) Annual General Meeting
Adina Apartment Hotel, Surry Hills

- I. Opening & Welcome
 2. Apologies
 3. Previous Minutes
 4. A. Corrections to the Minutes
Amended Minutes as advised by the delegates
B Matters Arising from the February 2025 meeting
 - I. Bengal/Toyger Import Ban
 - Working Group Setup
 - Joint working group with CCA
 2. GCCF Ragdoll Breeding Policy
 - Per February 2025 By-laws Part Two Breeding and Registration Rules report, add the GCCF Ragdoll Breeding Policy to the by-laws.

Action:
Lesley Morgan, ILO to write to GCCF via the Secretary to request permission to use their policy.

 - Member Body Feedback Attachment 4.b.2
 - B. Committee & General Meeting Minutes
As raised by delegates at this meeting.
5. Finance
6. Reports
 - a. Judges Guild
 - b. Breed Development Programmes Attachment 6b.
 - c. 2026 ACF National Show Attachment 6c.
7. Reports Sub-Committees – As circulated prior to meeting & Confirmation of 2025/2026 Committee persons
 - a. Breed Groups Review Sub-Committee
Carole Galli (Chair), Julie Schuller, Lesley Morgan & Debs Armishaw Attachment Report 7a.
 - b. Breeding Rules Sub-Committee
Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Jenny Weekes, Kerry Fowler Attachment Report 7b.
Attachment 7b.-I
 - c. Breed Standards Review Sub-Committee
Lesley Morgan (Chair), Debs Armishaw, Jo-anne Frank No Report
 - d. Feline Health Research Fund
Isobel Johnstone Attachment Report 7d.
 - e. Feline Terminology Sub-Committee
Isobel Johnstone (Chair), Kathryn Hill, Jo-anne Frank, Lesley Morgan Attachment Report 7e.
 - f. Legislative Watchdog Sub-Committee
Julie Schuller (Chair), Linda Kitson Attachment Report 7f.
 - g. UTH/UTJ Sub-Committee
Peta Spurduty (Chair), Barbara LaRocca, Linda Kitson, Debs Armishaw No Report

8. MEETING OF WORLD CAT CONGRESS

- a) 2025 WCC Meeting

9 - Submissions – By-Laws

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9.1 ACF By-laws Part 2 Breeding & Registration Rules

Attachment 9.1

“that there be inclusion of breed relevant tests for genetic & non-genetic diseases & conditions in By-laws Part 2 Breeding & Registration Rules, so that breeders are aware of testing that should be performed on their breed for the health and welfare of the cats, breeding lines and new owners.

Motion from GCCFSA

Rationale:

Call for DNA testing and responsible breeding in clauses .4, 1.5, 1.6.3, 1.7 (all clauses), however there is no information available to breeders for the specific tests required in each breed. This motion is to assist breeders with what they should be doing.

9.2 ACF By-laws Part 6.2 – National Show Rules

Attachment 9.2

Motion from Cats NSW (Per February meeting minutes)

“that the ACF By-Laws Part 6.2 National Show Rules be amended to include a new rule 44 regarding exhibitor behaviour at the National Show”.

44. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. The comfort of all exhibits, the exhibitors, Judges, show personnel and visitors is of paramount importance.

- a) Any person/persons who, by their actions or words, intimidate any judge, show official, or any other person/persons at or in the vicinity of the show hall are liable to disciplinary action.
- b) This may include expulsion from the ACF National Show by the National Show Committee, forfeiting awards from the ACF National Show, banning from future ACF National Shows and/or reporting to their governing body.”

Rationale

It is an unfortunate reality that on, occasion, attendance at a cat show may see some exhibitors or visitors conduct themselves in a manner which results in behaviours considered by attendees as inappropriate at a show. This behaviour may be directed at any person attending a show in any capacity and may arise because of any occurrence at a show, or because of their inability to put personal interests aside for the benefit of the event or cat fancy. Often, people do not realise the significance of their behaviour or unintended consequences that their behaviour may have on others.

Having a rule in place to address such behaviour, thereby giving the National Show Committee authority to act, may diminish the likelihood of such behaviour occurring. It would also reduce such actions bringing the Cat Fancy into disrepute because of the behaviour of a very small minority. To grow attendance and participation in the Cat Fancy, especially by younger people, it is imperative that shows, and other events are conducted with the welfare of all who attend being of paramount importance.

The Cats NSW Committee experience in running the 2024 ACF National Show highlighted to them that a show rule to address inappropriate behaviour was missing. The inclusion of the wording about expulsion ‘by the show committee’ means that no one person is solely responsible for the decision to expel a person for behavioural reasons, reducing the opportunity for personal bias by the show manager or a single committee member, or for remonstrations towards the show manager or individual committee member.

I0 - General Business

I0.1 Matters referred from 21 July 2025 ACF Judges Guild GM

I0.2 WCC Matters for Discussion

I0.3 National Shows

2026 - South Australia – GCCFSA

2027 – CCCA - CCI

2028 – ACF - Cats WA

2029 - TBC

2030 - TBC

I0.4 Other Business

Next Meetings:

15 October 2025

25 February 2026

9 June 2026

29 September 2026

II. CLOSE